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PREPARATIONS FOR MARCH 1953 YUGOSLAV CENSUS

ORDER ON CENSUS PREPARATIONS -- Belgrade, Sluzbeni List, FNRJ, 11 Jun 52

At the recommendation of the President of the Economic Council, the Yugoslav government has issued the Order on Preparations for the Census of the Population of Yugoslavia, effective 11 June 1952. The order provides for the

- 1. The federal Bureau of Statistics and Records is to start preparations for the census prior to issuance of the Yugoslav Census Law. The census is to be completed in March 1953.
- 2. In addition to a population count, the federal Bureau of Statistics and Records is authorized to do the following:
 - a. Take a census of all populated places in Yugoslavia.
- b. In accordance with existing regulations, supervise the carrying out of regulations having to do with correct designation of places, streets, and market places and the numbering of houses.
- c. Request the cooperation of all interested agencies and establishments.
- d. Complete all preliminaries for the census, such as preliminary drafts, an experimental census, studies in the field, and preparation of forms
- 3. To accomplish the above functions the federal Bureau of Statistics and Records will form a Federal Census Commission of representatives of interested agencies and establishments and necessary specialists.

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COMPLETION OF CENSUS PLANS -- Belgrade, Politika, 19 Jul 52

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Pursuant to the Order on Preparations for the Census of the Population of Yugoslavia, the Bureau of Statistics and Records has completed plans for conducting the census. The incomplete census of 1948, changes in the structure of the population and their location, and the extensive and continuing administrative territorial changes which began in 1948 showed the need for a new, thorough, and complete census.

The plans call for a detailed census showing the economic composition of the population, literacy and educational status, nationality, language and citizenship, marital status and fertility (number of births per 1,000 women), number of physically disabled, and other items. In regard to economic composition the new census will provide detailed statistics on the active labor force, inactive labor force, and agricultural inhabitants.

The census plans will be discussed by republic institutions about one month. The discussion is expected to end by 15 August, and 5 days later the republic statistical bureaus are to submit their comments on the plan to the federal bureau. Following this it is planned to hold widespread consultations with representatives of republic and federal institutions and prominent educators interested in the census.

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